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AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR
1958

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Wardle Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health and Mortality of your district during 1958.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

(i)	Area in Acres	3,193
(ii)	Population 1951 Census	4,893
	Registrar-General's Estimate of resident population, 1958	4,520
(iii)	Number of inhabited houses at end of 1957, according to the rate book	1,459
(iv)	Rateable value	£51,259
(v)	Sum represented by a penny rate	£200

(vi) Industries - The chief industries carried out in the area are:- cotton and woollen manufacturing, silk weaving, wallpaper printing, dairy farming and light engineering.

(vii) Unemployment - There was no unemployment worthy of mention during the year.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	Male	Female
LIVE BIRTHS:			
Legitimate	58	30	28
Illegitimate	1	-	1
STILL BIRTHS:			
Legitimate	2	2	-
Illegitimate	1	-	1
DEATHS OF INFANTS:			
Under 1 year of age: Legitimate	3	1	2
Under 4 weeks of age: Legitimate	1	-	1

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population

Crude	17.3
Adjusted	12.1

Still Births:-

Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births 48.4

	Total	Males	Females
Deaths	51	19	32

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population

Crude	11.3
Adjusted	7.9

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	50.8
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	Nil
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	16.9

Death from Cancer (all ages)	1
Death from Measles (all ages)	0
Death from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Death from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0

	Live Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Rate of Death under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births.	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births.
Year 1957	13.5	11.3	16	47.
Year 1958	13.1	17.3	50 8	48.4
Change	- 0.4	6 0	33.2	1.4

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Smallpox

No cases of Smallpox occurred in 1958.

Scarlet Fever.

No case of Scarlet Fever was reported during the year.

Diphtheria.

Again there were no cases.

Enteric Fever.

No cases.

Whooping Cough.

Only 1 case was notified.

Measles.

1 case of measles reported.

Puerperal Pyrexia.

No cases were notified.

Erysipelas

No case to report.

Tuberculosis.

1 new case was notified from the Urban District.

Anthrax.

No cases.

Poliomyelitis.

None.

Sonne Dysentery.

None.

TABLE I

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1958 (including cases notified from Birch Hill)

	Total cases at all ages	Total cases notified — Years									Total deaths	Total cases removed to Hospital from District	Death in Hospital of persons belonging to District.
		0	1	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65 & over			
Smallpox.....	0												
Scarlet Fever.....	0												
Diphtheria (including membranous croup).....	0												
Enteric or Typhoid Fever (excluding Paratyphoid)..	0												
Paratyphoid Fever.....	0												
Measles (excluding Rubella).....	1			1									
Whooping Cough.....	1		1										
Acute Pneumonia.....	0												
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	0												
Cerebro-spinal Fever.....	0												
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	0												
Acute Polio-Encephalitis.....	0												
Acute Encephalitis Lethergica.....	0												
Dysentery.....	0												
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	0												
Erysipelas.....	0												
Malaria.....	0												
Food Poisoning.....	0												
Anthrax.....	0												
Meningococcal Infection...	0												
Tuberculosis Respiratory..	1						1						
Dysentery Sonne	0												
	3	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED in 1958 apart from Tuberculosis were 2 as compared with 57 in 1957. A comparative table is shown below:-

	1957	1958
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Measles	49	1
Whooping Cough	4	1
Acute Poliomyselitis	0	0
Puerpural Pyrexia	0	0
Dysentery (Sonne)	4	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0
	57	2

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN 1958:-

	Males	Females
Cancer	9	9
Intra-cranial Vascular Legions	5	6
Heart Diseases	17	15
Diseases of circulatory system	0	2
Pneumonia	1	1
Bronchitis	1	1
Stomach Ulcer	0	1
Nephritis	0	1
Congenital Malformation	1	0
Parasitic diseases	1	0
Syphilitic disease	1	0
Accidents	0	2
Other ill defined diseases	2	2
	38	40

I am chiefly indebted for the information regarding un-notifiable diseases, to the returns of sickness in schools supplied to me by the Schools Attendance Officer.

I should like to express my appreciation of the efficient assistance given to me by Mr. E.K. Gration and Mr. W. Oldham.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

DONALD G. MACGILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1958

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE WARDLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

For the year 1958 I have to report as follows:-

GENERAL SURVEY.

S The sewers throughout the area have been sufficient at all times and again I can report a trouble-free year as far as the two syphons in Dyehouse Lane are concerned. The Ejector caused no trouble.

The sewers were treated for rats twice during the year and post-baiting showed no infestation.

Infectious Diseases.

No disinfections were needed during the year.

House Refuse

House refuse was removed on 40 occasions during the year, and disposed of by controlled tipping at Ashbrook. Nightsoil from pails is also collected in a tank and poured into the sewer. No rat or fly infestation has occurred.

Slaughterhouses.

4 slaughterhouses are now licensed, and are used regularly without complaint.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed	377	802	8	2,800	459	11
Number inspected	377	802	8	2,540	459	11
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	17	-	9	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and systicerci	0.25%	2.10%	-	0.36%	-	-
Tuberculosis only:- Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	43	-	-	3	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.50%	5.30%	-	-	0.60%	-
Cysticercosis:- Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The standard of animals slaughtered was good and the incidence of disease was reasonable.

Shops

Meat shops continue to maintain good standard and on the whole the small house and shop traders have kept abreat with the times and introduced refrigerators in greater numbers. Two bakehouses went out of existance. The remaining one maintains a very good standard.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply

Only 3% of the houses in the district have to rely on wells or springs for their water supply. The remaining 97% have a piped supply which is sufficient and suitable for all domestic purposes.

Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no extentions during the year and the properties still unsewered are either outlying or low lying and are unconnected for economical or engineering reasons.

A scheme for the treatment of Wardle sewage at the Rochdale Corporation Sewage Works was completed on the 20th November, 1958.

Rivers and Streams

The River Roch continues to be polluted. The improvement noted last year has been maintained. Clough House brook is now very good, after tannery effluent was taken into sewer.

Closet Accommodation.

The contribution payable by the Council as an inducement to owners to convert obsolete closets to fresh water flush type is £8 for each pail closet and £4 for each waste water closet.

Smoke Abatement

3 observations were taken during the year and none exceeded three minutes black smoke emission. A smoke meter has been fitted at one factory with good effect.

Schools.

The three schools in the district are maintained in good order.

Housing.

No Council houses were built in 1958. One void house was closed under the Housing Acts

TABLE II

Closet Accommodation

	1958	1957	1930
Privy Middens	28	28	55
No. of closets attached to Middens	24	24	55
No. of pail closets	62	64	156
No. of dry ashpits	4	4	9
No. of ashbins	1,325	1,316	473
No. of houses on water carriage system	1,029	1,022	444

During the year there were conversions as follows:-
2 to fresh water flush closet from waste water closet.

TABLE III

Inspections, 1958

	Visits or Inspections	Defects	Remedied
Housing	57	16	13
Factories	63	0	0
Food Premises	37	0	0
Slaughterhouses	479	0	0
Bakehouses	3	0	0
Nuisance & others	274	110	99
	913	126	112

I wish to place on record my appreciation for the help of Mr. E.K. Gration, Clerk of the Council, and the staff, for the ready and willing help on all occasions.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

W. OLDHAM,

Public Health Inspector.

TABLE IV

List of Acts and Sections thereof adopted by the Wardle Urban District Council

1. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 (Part III). Adopted 15th May, 1891.

2. Infectious Diseases Notification Act, 1889. Adopted 6th April, 1899.

3. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. Parts II and III (excepting S.48) IV and V. Operative from 5th October, 1911.

4. Private Street Works Act, 1892. Operative from 5th October, 1911.

5. Notification of Births Act, 1907. Operative from 13th October, 1914.

6. Public Health Act, 1925 (Parts II, III and IV). Operative from 31st January, 1927.

7. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923. Adopted 2nd August, 1934.

8. Local Government and other Officers Superannuation Act, 1922. Adopted 1st April, 1938.

9. Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951, Sections 13 and 14. Adopted 20th November, 1951.

10. Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Section 14. 24th November, 1951.

11. Clean Air Act, 1956. Section 24. August, 1957.

OBSERVATIONS AS TO THEIR ADMINISTRATION:- Good.